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LOCAL.

Jas. M. Ables, of Dunlap, was here last week.

H. E. Tate left for South Pittsburg Monday.

Miss Sarah Ables expects to spend Christmas in Chattanooga.

Col A. L. Spears and Mr. Jas. Roberson were in town Thursday.

Edwin Pryor expects to go to work at Whitwell after Christmas.

Lum Houts is now engaged hauling coal in the mines at Whitwell.

The South Pittsburg Statesman has gone back to the ready-print. How these papers do gyrate.

Scarcely a day passes but some family with their household goods passes through town en route for new locations for the coming year.

Mr. W. L. Melcher and Mr. Sherman visited the Sequachee Valley Coal & Iron Company's property near the Tennessee river Thursday.

R. J. Brown in charge of the road hands has been working the roads lately and putting in good foundations for future macadamizing.

The working of the roads reached such a mania here this week that on Monday and Tuesday about all the able-bodied persons in town were engaged.

Rev. J. A. Darr, of Jasper, of the M. E. Church, South, will conduct service at Owen Church, this city, next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. All are invited.

Our Victoria Correspondent, thoughtful soul, sent us last week a four-leaved clover for good luck to the News and we are quite glad to have both the good luck and the clover.

The News is under obligations to its subscribers to furnish 52 copies in every year and consequently the News will be published as usual Dec. 31st. We have no relations to visit, nor time to waste.

The special trustees chosen at the public meeting on Thursday held a meeting on Saturday and after a general conference appointed sub-committees who will report to the next meeting, Saturday, Dec. 26th, at 3 p. m.

We are gratified to be able to present the original poem, which appeared in the December number of the Ladies' Home Journal, by Mr. C. Pearson, of Sequachee. We commend it to every one as embodying sweet and tender thought and memories and as a production of superior merit.

NOTICE.

Sequachee, Dec. 15, 1896.

Necessity compels me to ask all who are indebted to me to pay up. Please come and settle all your accounts at once.

M. C. CAMPBELL,
Blacksmith, 2t

Aiding the Centennial.

Mrs. James R. Rice, of South Pittsburg, accepted a commission for the woman's work in Marion County, and writes that work in that section is in good shape. An entertainment under the auspices of Mrs. Rice, the Marion County Chairman; Mrs. W. E. Carter and Mrs. J. G. Prigmore, was given in South Pittsburg for the Centennial cause on last Thursday evening and the result was a good sum netted.

Public Meeting.

A thoroughly representative gathering of the citizens of Sequachee and vicinity was held at the School House on Thursday evening. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wm. Owen and Mr. Thomas H. Hill was chosen Chairman and Mr. S. P. Pryor Secretary.

Major Hill on taking the chair explained the several objects for which the meeting had been called. A petition to the County Court to establish a voting place at Sequachee to include school district 2 in 7th district and a portion of district 4, to include the Coppinger settlement. Discussion was participated in by Messrs. W. S. Pryor, Wm. Owen and T. R. Harris in the course of which it was suggested that the County Court might object to include the extra territory, as it would make the whole district subject to registration. (Chapter 12, Acts Special Session 1891 repealed the law referred to.—[Ed])

The petition as read was then adopted by a unanimous vote. A petition to the County Court to change line of 7th district to make the Sequachee river the northern and northwestern boundary of the district and transfer that portion of the 4th district between Owen Branch and Sequachee river, up to and including Dallas Dixon's was read and unanimously adopted.

Messrs. Wm. Owen and W. S. Pryor were appointed as a committee to circulate petitions for signatures. The following gentlemen were then chosen as a committee to attend the meeting of the County Court and present and advocate both petitions: Thomas H. Hill, Samuel P. Pryor, Austin Coppinger, Newton Fuels, Chris. Wagner, B. B. Lasater and C. H. Davidson.

The next business brought before the meeting was how to arrange for a Spring Term for the public school, the appropriation for 1895 having fallen short of estimate and the balance of 1896 not being sufficient to warrant the school directors in establishing two terms. The question was generally discussed by Rev. R. S. Umbarger, T. B. Lasater, school director, B. B. Lasater, Wm. Owen, T. R. Harris, Austin Coppinger and others, when it was voted that a committee of 9 (nine) persons be chosen to make arrangements for a public school for all the children, make collection of funds and manage the same for the spring term, engage teachers and do all matters in connection therewith and the following were chosen: T. B. Lasater, Chairman, Rev. R. S. Umbarger, Austin Coppinger, Thomas H. Hill, B. B. Lasater, C. H. Davidson, T. R. Harris, G. Sherman, Wm. Owen.

The above committee will meet Saturday, Dec., 19th at 3 p. m., at C. H. Davidson's store for conference. The meeting then adjourned. The News is glad to say that it was a good meeting and its objects must be carried out. In the matter of contributions toward the maintenance of the public school we urgently ask every one to make an effort and give something toward it. Anything sent care of the News will be faithfully applied.

It is reported that Mr. James Roberson, Pikeville, with family, will occupy the J. R. Owen house on Alabama Avenue.

The Christmas Stocking.

BY CLARENCE HENRY PEARSON.

IN the ghostly light I'm sitting musing of long dead Decembers, While the fire-clad shapes are flitting in and out among the embers, On my hearthstone in mad races, and I marvel, for in seeming I can dimly see the faces and the scenes of which I'm dreaming.

O golden Christmas days of yore! In sweet anticipation I lived their joys for days before Their glorious realization; And on the dawn Of Christmas morn My childish heart was knocking A wild tattoo, As 'twould break through, As I unhung my stocking.

Each simple gift that came to hand, How marvelous I thought it! A treasure straight from Wonderland, For Santa Claus had brought it. And at my cries Of glad surprise The others all came flocking To share my glee And view with me The contents of the stocking.

Years sped—I left each well-loved scene In Northern wilds to roam, And there, 'mid tossing pine trees green, I made myself a home. We numbered three And blithe were we, At adverse fortune mocking, And Christmastide By our fireside Found hung the baby's stocking.

Alas! within our home to-night No sweet young voice is ringing, And through the silent rooms no light, Free, childish step is springing. The wild winds rave O'er baby's grave Where plumed pines are rocking, And crossed at rest On marble breast The hands that filled my stocking.

With misty eyes but steady hand I raise my Christmas chalice; Here's to the children of the land In cabin or in palace; May each one hold The key of gold, The gates of glee unlocking And hands be found The whole world round To fill the Christmas stocking.

Life at Washington.

The inauguration of a President, the selection of his Cabinet and the seating of a new Congress give especial timeliness to the remarkable series of articles on various phases of the government by Secretary Herbert, Postmaster-General Wilson, Attorney-General Harmon, Senator Lodge and Speaker Reed to be printed in the Youth's Companion during 1897. This series of articles and the many other brilliant features promised for 1897 show that now, on the eve of its seventy-first birthday, the Companion is as wide awake and as progressive as ever. An Illustrated Prospectus may be had free for the asking by addressing THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, 205 Columbus Ave., Boston, Mass.

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